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Register for a FREE course on on Emerging Trends & Technologies in the Virtual Classroom!

Port Louis, October 22, 2013: EducationUSA is partnering with Open University of Mauritius, Coursera & University of California Irvine (UC Irvine) for a FREE 5-week online course on Emerging Trends & Technologies in the Virtual Classroom. The course will be held from Mid-November to Mid-December. You may find out more about the program, and register for it by downloading the application form and program document on either www.usembassy.gov/education or www.open.ac.mu. The closing date for registration is October 30th. There will be six facilitation sessions held at Open University of Mauritius, which are mandatory for the completion of program.

The target audience for this course is Educators (Pre-Primary, Primary, Secondary) and anyone interested in Educational Technologies. We are excited to bring this opportunity to learn how to incorporate technology into the teaching environment, and make the classroom more fun and creative! Course content will include the latest trends in technology affecting student learning and also explore innovative learning spaces and tools to help instructors maximize student engagement. At the end of the program, the highest performing students will be eligible for two scholarships from Open University of Mauritius.

EducationUSA is an official affiliate of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs; the advising center is located within the U.S. Embassy in Port Louis.

The selected course with UC Irvine is part of Coursera, which is a Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC) platform. Many excellent universities, such as Harvard University and Stanford University, have full courses available there, for free. The courses are Bachelor-Master level courses. They are not equivalent to getting a degree, but are geared at providing university level education in specific subjects, for free, either to help students move on to university, or to help in their professional settings.

For additional information, you may refer to the websites provided above, or call on 5449 0620 or 403 8222 (Open University).

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